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Dear Mr Child

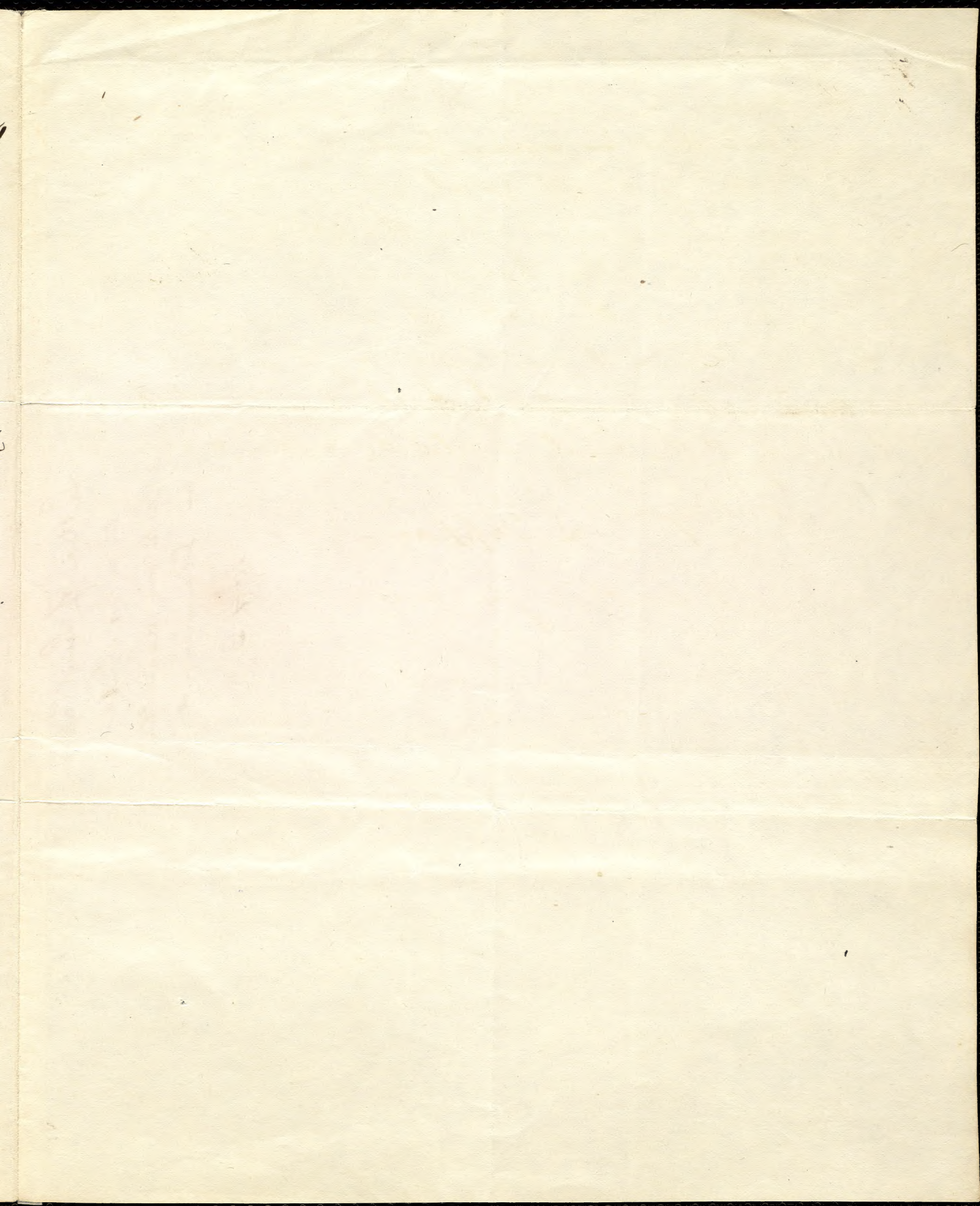
I enclose a letter which may
amuse you, & if may sicken you too. Think of the state of
things at the South when a slaveholder undertakes to write
such an epistle to one who advocates the cause of the slave!

[The particular object of this note is to enquire of
you why you admitted into your columns the personalities
against Mr Leavitt. Perhaps I have mentioned the subject
to you before. If so, & you think it unnecessary to reply, excuse
me. I had not the key to the matter, & marvelled that
you, considering the policy you have pursued, should have
permitted any Boston or other correspondent to speak of
Mr L. thus severely. Although Mr L & myself have
not been so intimate of late as we once were, & although
I have differed from him on some points, I value him
too much & appreciate too highly his services to the Anti
Slavery cause, to see an attack upon him in your paper
without feeling interested to know the reasons if you think it
proper to give them

Some hostility has been felt towards
Mr L growing out of the transfer of the Emancipator, but
he is not to blame. What is singular Mr L & myself have
both been blamed in the matter when we were

opposed to each other in the Executive Committee
at the time on various points. The E. was pursuing a
course at the time ~~on various points~~ I did not like, & I
was very willing it should go into Mr S's hands, or any
other person's who would not betray the cause. Mr S. was
willing to take it rather than have it stop. Why he should
have been blamed in the matter I could never see. If any
one deserved blame, it was myself, & yet in that & all
other ~~things~~ matters connected with the transfer of the E.
& the property of the Society, I acted as I then, & still think
right. Truly yours L Tappan.

I rejoice to see that your husband is at Washington.



Letter of Lewis Caphran
to Mrs Child
attache on deantit
in Standard

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